1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
15		Lakshadweep	0	1650.43	1667.23	1684.19	-	-		
16		Karnataka	66,918	1557.10	1573.90	1590.86	No	11.11.2009		
17	East	Bihar	1,475	1476.73	1493.53	1510.49	Yes	11.11.2009	18.11.09	
18		West Bengal	21,206	1511.30	1528.10	1545.06	Yes	09.11.2009	17.11.09	
19		Sikkim	42	1550.82	1567.62	1584.58	No	-		
20		Orissa	19,920	1528.98	1545.78	1562.74	Yes	11.11.2009	19.11.09	
21		Jharkhand	548	1502.27	1519.07	1536.03	Yes	11.11.2009	18.11.09	Nil
22	North-East	Assam	28,355	1524.19	1540.99	1557.95	No			
23		Arunachal Pradesh	0	1579.17	1595.97	1612.93	-	-		
24		Meghalaya	0	1575.45	1592.25	1609.21	-	-		
25		Tripura	0	1632.89	1649.69	1666.65	-	-		
26		Mizoram	0	1615.22	1632.02	1648.98	-	-		
27		Nagaland	0	1559.40	1576.20	1593.16	-	-		
28		Manipur	0	1684.30	1701.10	1718.06	-	-		
29	West	Maharashtra	29,130	1507.70	1524.50	1541.46	Yes	08.11.2009	16.11.09	2700 MT
30		Goa	2,107	1550.40	1567.20	1584.16	Yes	09.11.2009		
31		Madhya Pradesh	8,608	1460.67	1477.47	1494.43	Yes	06.11.2009	17.11.2009	Nil
32		Chhattisgarh	1,412	1514.81	1531.61	1548.57	Yes	11.11.2009		
33		Gujarat	1,686	1468.72	1485.52	1502.48	Yes	08.11.2009	16.11.09	Nil
34		Daman & Diu	0	1527.93	1544.73	1561.69	-	-		
35		D & N Haveli	0	1511.29	1528.09	1545.05	-	-		
		TOTAL	500,000							

Identification of BPL families

177. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the absence of identification of below poverty line families, the Public Distribution System in many States is on the verge of collapse;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has issued directions to State Governments to expedite the identification of BPL families and improve the functioning of PDS in the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (d) Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is implemented jointly by Government of India and State/UT Governments with sharing of responsibilities in this regard. The responsibilities for allocation of foodgrains within State/UT, identification of eligible BPL & AAY families based on estimates of Planning Commission, issuance of ration cards to them, and supervision over distribution of allocated foodgrains to eligible ration card holders through fair price shops rest with the State/UT Governments.

State/UT Governments have to identify BPL families based on poverty estimates of Planning Commission. Presently 6.52 crore BPL families have been accepted for allocations of TPDS foodgrains. However, State/UT Governments have issued higher number of BPL ration cards due to exclusion and inclusion errors in their identification. For taking up next round of BPL census in rural and urban areas, Ministries of Rural Development and Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation have to issue guidelines.

To improve functioning of TPDS, Government has directed State & UT Governments to take up the following measures:

A. to strengthen monitoring and vigilance by-

i) implementation of the Nine Point Action Plan;

ii) taking action against those with Bogus Ration Cards; and

iii) ensuring greater involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)/Urban Local Bodies in functioning of Fair Price Shops.

B. to ensure increased transparency in functioning of TPDS by-

i) adoption and implementation of revised Model Citizens' Charter;

ii) introduction of monthly certification of delivery of foodgrains at Fair Price Shops and their distribution to ration card holders:

iii) taking up publicity-cum-awareness Campaign on TPDS; and